

## Anal Rectal Cytology

*Anal pap, anal brushing, and anal cytology*

Each specimen container needs to have a *minimum* of two (2) patient identifiers to be accepted.

- Label ThinPrep PreservCyt® vial with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth, or medical record number (MRN). Include the specimen source on the container.
- Direct patient to lay on their side in the fetal position with knees towards their chest.
- Insert water-moistened Dacron swab 5-7 cm into anal canal to ensure proper sampling of the anorectal transformation zone.
- Rotate swab slowly while applying gentle pressure to rectal walls with swab.
- Vigorously rinse swab in solution ten (10) times and pushing swab up against the container walls.
- Tighten the container cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.
- An accompanying requisition must include patient's full name (first and last), date of birth, medical record number (MRN), specimen source, ordering physician's name, date of collection, diagnosis, and pertinent patient history.

**Note:** If HPV testing is requested please indicate on requisition. If ordering HPV in EPIC order "Miscellaneous Test code" (LAB 4416) and test code 508005 in the comment field. ThinPrep PreservCyt® collection containers can be obtained by ordering in Lawson or LifePoint.

